

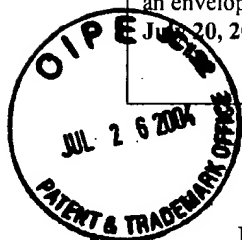
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In Re Application of:

Date: July 20, 2004

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Andreas PROKOPH

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Serial No: 09/989,970

Group Art Unit: 2171 Technology Center 2100

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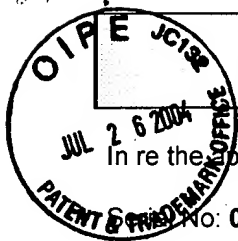
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.



## TRANSMITTAL FORM

Attorney Docket No.  
**DE920000094US1/2265P**In re the application: **Andreas PROKOPH**Confirmation No.: **1657**No: **09/989,970**Group Art Unit: **2171**Filed: **November 20, 2001**Examiner: **Thai, Hanh B.****RECEIVED****JUL 29 2004**For: **Method and System for Data Retrieval in Large Collections of Data****Technology Center 2100**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension of Time Request *	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee Address Indication Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Executed Declaration by Inventor(s)				

CLAIMS					
FOR	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	23	23	0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
				Total Fees	\$ 0.00

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